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PUBLIC HEALTH REPORTS.

UNITED STATES.

[Reports to the Surgeon-General, Public Health and Marine-Hospital Service.]

Report from Laredo, Tex.—Dengue fever.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Hamilton reports, August 11:

Dengue continues to exist in Laredo, but there has not been any considerable increase in the number of cases.

The summer has been very dry, and mosquitoes are not excessively numerous.

Plague at San Francisco, Cal.

The following is received from Passed Assistant Surgeon Hobdy:

August 18. One probable case plague, 16th; two, 17th; a third doubtful on 17th. At Doctor Foster's request met harbor commissioner and city board of health to-day. Danyz virus ordered, and vigorous rat campaign will be inaugurated. State board will order all vessels lying at dock anywhere on coast to be fumigated and then take precautions against ingress of vermin. Have been requested to formulate those paragraphs setting forth the precautions and describing manner of disinfection.

NOTE.—It has been reported that the sailor who died in the Marine Hospital at San Francisco, August 12, of plague of the pneumonic type, was from the steamship *Samoa*, a coaster. He left that vessel August 8 and entered the Marine Hospital the same date. The vessel was thoroughly fumigated, and the personnel were held seven days under observation.

Additional officers have been ordered to San Francisco.

STATISTICAL REPORTS OF MORBIDITY AND MORTALITY, STATES AND CITIES OF THE UNITED STATES—UNTABULATED.

CALIFORNIA—*Oakland*.—Month of July, 1907. Estimated population, 200,000. Total number of deaths, 155, including diphtheria 6, measles 1, and 11 from tuberculosis. Cases: Diphtheria 25, enteric fever 8, smallpox 1, measles 6, scarlet fever 5, and tuberculosis 3.

San Diego.—Month of July, 1907. Estimated population, 30,000. Total number of deaths, 38, including 6 from tuberculosis. Cases: Enteric fever 3, scarlet fever 1, and measles 25.

San José.—Month of July, 1907. Estimated population, 30,000.

Total number of deaths 37. Cases: Diphtheria 4, enteric fever 4, measles 3, and scarlet fever 1.

COLORADO—*Colorado Springs*.—Month of November, 1906. Estimated population, 32,000. Total number of deaths, 36, including 16 from tuberculosis. Case: Enteric fever, 1. Month of December, 1906. Total number of deaths, 48, including enteric fever 2 and 15 from tuberculosis. Cases: Scarlet fever, 9; enteric fever, 3. Month of January, 1907. Total number of deaths reported, 34, including 12 from tuberculosis. Cases: Scarlet fever, 5, and smallpox, 1. Month of February, 1907. Total number of deaths, 43, including 13 from tuberculosis. Cases: Diphtheria, 1; measles, 2; scarlet fever, 18; and smallpox, 4. Month of March, 1907. Total number of deaths, 33, including scarlet fever 1 and 9 from tuberculosis. Cases: Scarlet fever, 7; measles, 21; and smallpox, 2. Month of April, 1907. Total number of deaths, 30, including 17 from tuberculosis. Cases: Scarlet fever, 14; enteric fever, 2; measles, 23; and smallpox, 2. Month of May, 1907. Total number of deaths, 46, including enteric fever 1 and 17 from tuberculosis. Cases: Scarlet fever, 2; measles, 23; smallpox, 3; enteric fever, 1. Month of June, 1907. Total number of deaths, 35, including scarlet fever 1 and 8 from tuberculosis. Cases: Scarlet fever, 7; and smallpox, 2.

CONNECTICUT.—Month of July, 1907. Reports to the State board of health from 164 towns having an aggregate population of 1,016,129, show as follows: Total number of deaths from all causes, 1,508, including diphtheria 8, enteric fever 11, measles 10, scarlet fever 6, whooping cough 8, and 94 from phthisis pulmonalis. Cases: Diphtheria, 117 in 34 towns; enteric fever, 55 in 28 towns; measles, 143 in 13 towns; scarlet fever, 64 in 28 towns; whooping cough, 69 in 16 towns; phthisis pulmonalis, 29 in 18 towns.

FLORIDA.—Reports to the State board of health for the week ended August 10, 1907, show as follows: Enteric fever—*Jacksonville* and *Daytona*, each 2 cases; *Lulu*, *Tampa*, and *Crescent City*, each 1 case. Tuberculosis—*Jacksonville* and *Ocala*, each 2 cases; *Ybor City*, *Tampa*, *Tallahassee*, and *Daytona*, each 1 case.

INDIANA.—Month of June, 1907. Estimated population, 2,648,549. Total number of deaths, 2,504, corresponding to an annual death rate of 11.3 per 1,000 of population, including 10 from diphtheria, 25 from enteric fever, 16 from measles, 2 from scarlet fever, 1 from smallpox, 9 from whooping cough, and 343 from tuberculosis.

Morbidity: Diphtheria, 102 cases in 25 counties; enteric fever, 298 cases in 37 counties; smallpox, 193 cases in 31 counties. In the same month last year 63 cases of smallpox were reported from 8 counties, with no deaths.

KANSAS.—Month of June, 1907. Reports to the State board of health show as follows: Diphtheria, 31 cases, 3 deaths; enteric fever,

39 cases, 9 deaths; measles, 514 cases, 11 deaths; scarlet fever, 26 cases, 1 death; smallpox, 169 cases, 1 death; tuberculosis, 62 cases, 52 deaths.

Contagious diseases were distributed in the cities as follows:

Kansas City.—Diphtheria, 2 cases; enteric fever, 11 cases, 5 deaths; measles, 60 cases, 5 deaths; scarlet fever, 5 cases; smallpox, 12 cases; tuberculosis, 13 cases, 13 deaths.

Leavenworth.—Diphtheria, 1 case; enteric fever, 1 case, 1 death; measles, 3 cases; scarlet fever, 1 case; smallpox, 6 cases; tuberculosis, 2 cases, 2 deaths.

Parsons.—Measles, 3 cases; smallpox, 6 cases; tuberculosis, 5 cases, 2 deaths.

Topeka.—Diphtheria, 4 cases; measles, 3 cases; scarlet fever, 1 case; smallpox, 3 cases; tuberculosis, 2 cases, 2 deaths.

NEW JERSEY—*West Hoboken*.—Six weeks ended August 15, 1907. Estimated population, 35,000. No deaths reported. Cases reported: Diphtheria 4, enteric fever 7, measles 2, scarlet fever 23, and smallpox 2.

NEW YORK—*Cohoes*.—Month of July, 1907. Estimated population, 25,000. Total number of deaths 24. Cases: Tuberculosis 1.

NORTH CAROLINA.—Month of June, 1907. Estimated population, 1,893,810. Reports to State board of health from 79 counties show as follows: Measles in 33 counties, whooping cough in 29 counties, scarlet fever in 9 counties, diphtheria in 10 counties, enteric fever in 62 counties, malarial fever in 14 counties, pernicious malarial fever in 4 counties, and smallpox in 14 counties, viz: Alamance, 4; Burke, 1; Chowan, 4; Columbus, 1; Durham, 3; Franklin, 4; Gaston, 3; Guilford, 12; Harnett, 1; Johnston, 24; Mecklenburg, 1; Nash, 1; Ruthersford, 2, and Wake, 1.

Reports for the month from 21 towns having an aggregate population of 213,800—white, 129,800; colored, 84,000—show a total of 313 deaths—white, 153; colored, 160—including enteric fever 10, measles 1, malarial fever 5, whooping cough 5, and 30 from phthisis pulmonalis.

OHIO—*Columbus*.—Month of July, 1907. Estimated population, 185,000. Total number of deaths, 206 (38 nonresidents), including enteric fever 7, diphtheria 1, whooping cough 3, and 26 from tuberculosis. Cases: Diphtheria, 4, enteric fever 44, measles 19, scarlet fever 11, whooping cough 13, and tuberculosis 12.

UTAH—*Salt Lake City*.—Month of July, 1907. Estimated population, 75,000. Total deaths from all causes, 88, including enteric fever 2, whooping cough 2, and 3 from tuberculosis. Cases: Diphtheria 16, enteric fever 11, smallpox 5, measles 8, scarlet fever 12, and whooping cough 6.